

REMARKS

This response is provided to the Office Action of September 27th, 2004, wherein the Examiner raised a restriction requirement. In particular, claims 1-12 and 16-19 (Group I) were characterized as being distinct from that which is disclosed in claims 13-15 and 20 (Group II).


In response, without adopting the Action's characterization of the claims; in an effort to further prosecution Applicant elects to prosecute Group I, and has cancelled the claims of Group II, above, without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-12 and 16-19 are in condition for allowance, and earnestly awaits notice thereof. Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account #50-0221. If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities which can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned is respectfully solicited.

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